

St George's Church, Benenden

Our Mission: "To know and love Jesus and make his love known to all"

Our Worship: Sunday 1st January (The Second Sunday of Christmas) Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

Collect: Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 1st January – The Second Sunday of Christmas – Naming & Circumcision of Jesus *Readings: Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21*

8 am HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

10 am ALL AGE COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander & Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

546 *O Lord my God*

666 *I cannot tell*

532 *All creatures of our God and King*

690 *Jesus is Lord!*

No Choral Evensong tonight

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 2nd

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd

8 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 am

Holy Communion at Sandhurst Mission Church

led by Revd Ylva Blid-Mackenzie

No Benenden Home Group this week

Wednesday 4th

8 am

Morning Prayer at Sandhurst Mission Church

10 – 11.30 am

Coffee Morning & 'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden

Memorial Hall

7.30 – 9 pm

Bellringing Practice at St George's

Friday 6th

8 am

Morning Prayer at St George's

9 – 11 am

Cakes & Chaos Toddler Group at St George's

1 – 3 pm

'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall

Sunday Next: 8th January – Epiphany

Readings: Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

8 am 1662 BCP HOLY COMMUNION AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

10 am MORNING WORSHIP AT ST GEORGE'S

led by Revd David Commander

1 – 3 pm 'Warm Welcome Space' at Benenden Memorial Hall

Bible Readings – Sunday 1st January - The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

Galatians 4.4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2.15-21

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Jesus Is Named

²¹ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Benenden Home Group next meets on Tuesday 10th January.

Sad News and Prayers:

The funeral of t/l **Betty Ward** takes place at St George's on Wednesday 11th January at 10.30 am. We hold Betty and her family and friends in our prayers.

The funeral of t/l **Alan Williams** takes place at St George's on Wednesday, 18th January at 10 am. We hold Alan, Judy and their family and friends in our prayers.

CONNECT FOUR

4pm - Saturday 28th January

at Sandhurst Mission Church,

Back Road TN18 5JU

A service especially for families – but, of course, all age groups are very welcome. Please join us!

Please note, as from January 2023, this service has moved from the first Saturday of the month to the last Saturday of the month.



Follow the Star App - now available

Please see the poster in church for a QR code and for Smart speaker or telephone access

The Follow the Star app features daily 12 days of Christmas reflections (24th December – 6th January).

Together, each reflection takes you on a journey that will help you take fresh encouragement and hope from Advent and the Christmas story into the year ahead.

The app is available to download for free, or you can sign up for a daily email reflection via: cofe.io/FollowTheStar

Come in from the cold and keep warm this winter



Fridays and Sundays, 1-3pm

(From Friday 6th January)

The Memorial Hall, Benenden

(N.B. There is also the Coffee Shop on a Wednesday, 10-11:30am)

Come to a warm community space; enjoy a warm drink; have a chat. Don't sit at home feeling alone, or being cold. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome. (Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.)

Revd David E: revdavidcommander@gmail.com (T: 240658) or
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Weald Deanery

Inter Parish Quiz night

When: Saturday 28th January 2013

Where: St Laurence's Church Hawkhurst

Time: 7.00pm


Tickets no charge

Teams of Six

*Bring your own refreshments and drinks
Tea and Coffee provided*

Attendance to be confirmed by 21st January
If you wish to be part of a team of 6 please email Cathy at
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